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SUBJECT: AMATO FRERES

REF: STATE 133671

1. N.Y. ATTORNEYS FOR AMATO AGENCY, INC. MET WITH DEPTOFFS
AUGUST 27 TO SOLICIT USG AID IN REMEDYING ZAIRIANIZATION OF
AMATO FRERES. DEPT NOW AWAITING WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS
SUBSTANTIATING ATTORNEYS CLAIMS:

A. THAT BENI AND BENJAMIN AMATO ARE STATELESS
PERSONS, NEVER HAVING POSSESSED ANY OTHER STATE'S
NATIONALITY;

B. THAT OWNERSHIP OF ALL OF AMATO FRERES SHARES
CONVEYED TO AMATO AGENCY IN MAY 1973 THROUGH CERTIFICATES
NOT PHYSICALLY TRANSFERRED UNTIL 1974;

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C. THAT BENI AND BENJAMIN OWN ALL STOCK OF AMATO

AGENCY, INC., A NEW YORK CORPORATION.

2. EVEN IF THESE CLAIMS SHOULD BE SUBSTANTIATED, US
ESPOUSAL OF AMATO CLAIM OR OTHER ASSISTANCE TO COMPANY
IS UNCERTAIN.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY/CONSULATE CONTINUE DEFER ANY POSSIBLE
ACTION ON AMATO'S BEHALF UNTIL DEPT HAS REVIEWED ALL
MATERIALS SUBMITTED BY AMATO ATTORNEYS.

4. ATTORNEYS CLAIM THAT BENI AMATO IS STATELESS CONFLICTS
WITH BENI'S ASSERTIONS TO DEPT OFF IN FEB. THAT HE
POSSESSED ITALIAN NATIONALITY AND CARRIED ITALIAN PASS-
PORT. CAN CONSULATE RECALL ISSUING VISA FOR BENI ON
ITALIAN OR OTHER PASSPORT? KISSINGER

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